Introduced by Assembly Member Liu

February 21, 2002

An act to amend Section 399 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to minors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2629, as introduced, Liu. Minors: foster care placement.

Existing law provides that any minor being considered for placement in a foster home has the right to make a brief statement to the court making a decision on placement. The right continues for any proceedings concerning continued placement or a decision to return the minor to parental custody.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 399 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 399. Any minor being considered for placement in a foster
- 4 home shall have the right to make a brief statement to the court
- 5 making a decision on placement. The court may disregard any
- 6 preferences expressed by the minor. The minor's right to make a
- 7 statement-shall is not-be limited to the initial placement, but shall

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- 1 continue for any proceedings concerning continued placement or 2 a decision to return *the minor* to parental custody.